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The President's Page

ALBERT K. HALL, CSNA LM 21-6

I have just returned from another great CSNA Convention in San Francisco. The 64th was hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and a personal thanks for a job well-done to everyone who contributed. Especially, to Chairman O. L. Wallis for another well-organized effort to bring it to a successful conclusion. The convention was well attended and a fine auction conducted by Joel Malter and Company provided a broader convention base which attracted more people.

With the new director as a result of the recent by-laws change, we hope to be able to improve in areas that heretofore have not been given the attention they deserve. The special directors are experienced in their job format and are here to help and assist the host clubs in carrying out the duties of sponsoring a convention.

In addition to the new elected Directors, there are some new appointments to be noted. The Director of Publicity is Mr. James Hunt of San Diego, California. Mr. Hunt is currently handling publicity for their local soccer team.

William O. Wisslead, who has done a fine job with the educational forum, is now giving the same dedication to being the CSNA Bourse Coordinator.

Bryan Burke, who has been Curator for several years, has accepted the Director of Education and is already working on ways to bring more education and personal involvement in the annual symposium.

The position of Curator has been accepted by Dale Hewlett of Clovis, California and he has promised to give it the same attention as Bryan did in the past.

The Director of Circulation has been accepted by Barbara Burke who has already begun her duties.

The new Director's responsibilities will be examined and the best of each individual's talents will be made. There was some confusion regarding the selection this time which will be eliminated in the future when candidates will select the Directorship they feel they can do best with the sanction of the Nominating Committee.

We should be in a position to offer assistance to host clubs where they feel they need help, and in case they run into any problems, either with the State Convention or their own local coin show.

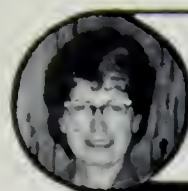
The membership has increased slightly over the past few conventions in spite of losing a certain number of members for non-payment of dues, etc. Without increasing the dues, if we can increase the membership, we can help to minimize the inflationary cost increases of publishing Calcoin News, etc. Let's all get the "sign-up a new member" fever, and through a combined effort we will be able to see a marked increase.

The 65th Convention in Anaheim is under the fine leadership of Elizabeth L. Wisslead as General Chairman and progressing right on schedule to give us another great convention and coin show. We will again have an interesting and unique auction by Joel Malter and Company.

We hope the gas shortage gets straightened out so we can all attend our coin meetings, conventions and enjoy life.

Our Goal

"The objects and purposes of this Association are to promote, extend and protect numismatic activity throughout California, and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms and branches."



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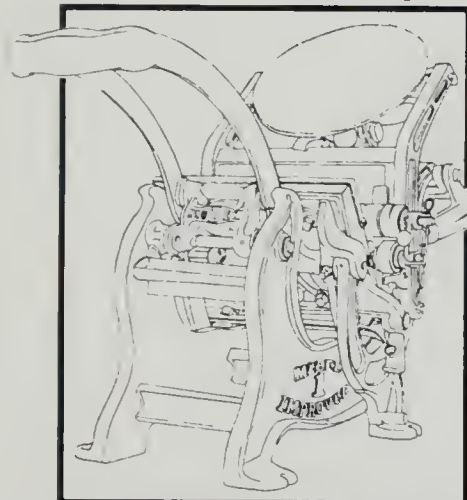
A BIG THANK YOU to Nona Moore who has handled the circulation chores of Calcoin News since Summer 1975. The changes in names, addresses, zip codes, etc. is never ending and Nona has done a fantastic job in keeping our files current, thus minimizing the returns.

Nona is resigning due to an excessive work load which leaves precious little time for herself and family. Again, our Thanks Nona, for an excellent job, and the Calcoin News staff wishes the very best in her endeavors.

We are proud to announce the appointment of Barbara Burke as the new Circulation Director. She starts her responsibilities with this Summer 1979 issue. We are fortunate to have a person of Barbara's capabilities join our news staff, thus enabling a smooth changeover.

If you are contemplating a change of address, please notify Calcoin News, P.O. Box 499, Colton, Ca. 92324 as soon as possible. It costs anywhere from 20¢ to 35¢ to get non-deliverable copies back, and another 40¢ to re-send it. The U.S. Postal Service continues to raise the price of communicating by mail (including bulk rates), and another increase is predicted in the near future. We appreciate your assistance in helping us curb costs in this area.

Congratulations to all the new officers, both elected and appointed, for the term of 1979-81. CSNA looks forward to a good two years.



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American Women on Coins

SUSAN B. ANTHONY — HER TIME HAS COME

By Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald — CSNA 2074



Anthony holding Anthony Coin

The first major change in the size of one of our standard coins in over 100 years will honor the daughter of a Quaker abolitionist, Susan Bromwell Anthony who was born on February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts. An abolitionist worker herself prior to the Civil War, she soon turned her attention to a constitutional amendment granting women suffrage. For most of her years this determined lady fought for women's rights. Her efforts resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, the Right for Women to Vote, which became law on August 18, 1920 — fourteen years after Ms. Anthony's death.

She had, however, already influenced numismatics during her lifetime. As the grand celebration was being planned commemorating the voyages of Columbus to the New World, Susan B. Anthony swooped down on Washington demanding an Exposition Board of "Lady Managers" to match the already selected male "Board of Managers." This demonstration led to the eventual striking of the Isabella Quarter dollar commemorative in 1893 to accompany the Columbian half dollar authorized for the celebration.

On the centenary of the first Morgan dollars of 1878, the presses punched out the first strikings of the Susan B. Anthony dollar representing a dramatic change in our coinage. The new dollar coin carrying Anthony's effigy represents the first size reduction since the large cent was replaced in 1857 by the Flying Eagle token coin. Signed into law by President Carter on October 10, 1978, Public Law 95-447 provides for a "mini-dollar," 30 percent smaller than its predecessor and only one-third as heavy as the larger Eisenhower dollar.

The Treasury Department had first initiated its studies in 1975 and a "State of the Coinage" report by former Treasury head, William E. Simon had recommended changes.



The obverse, designed by Frank Gasparro features a portrait of Ms Anthony in a dress from the period in which she lived. The composition of the new coin is a 75 percent copper/25 percent nickel

alloy clad on a 100 percent copper core.

It will be 26.5 millimeters (1.043 inches) in diameter and weigh 8.1 grams. The reverse will remain identical to the Eisenhower dollar, i.e. — symbolic devices illustrating the landing on the lunar surface by Apollo astronauts on July 20, 1969.

Thus on one coin, 100 years of United States history will be represented including the Civil War, abolition of slavery, Womens' Suffrage resulting in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and our space program culminating with the placement of a "Man on the Moon." And, let us not forget the removal of silver from our coins. What a story one coin can tell!

FIRST WOMAN ON A U.S. COIN

As the weeks slip by and the first coins have been struck, much is being written about the new coin. Some have penned, "Anthony is the first woman to appear on a U.S. Coin." Wrong! Others headlined, "Anthony is the first American woman to appear on a coin." Not true either! Would you believe this honor may be accorded Sarah Longacre, Martha Cunningham, Dora Doscher, Anna Willis Williams or Teresa de Francischi? Who are they? Well, their likenesses all appeared on United States coins, perhaps. They appeared as personifications of "Miss Liberty" in many of her many guises.



Although never proven and often denied, many believe the Indian appearing on the cents of 1859 through 1909 was little Sarah Longacre. The story is told that two Indian chiefs visited

designer James B. Longacre in 1858 and upon entering his home, doffed their head-dresses. Sarah, his daughter seeing the headresses, placed one of them on her head in a typical childish fashion. Her father was so entranced at this sight that he immediately asked the child to sit in order to capture her on a quick sketch. The drawing later became the basis for the final profile of the Indian Cent.



Martha Cunningham, a waitress, was reported to be the model for the famous Augustus Saint Gaudens 1907 eagle and double eagle. Dora Doscher suffered with polio when she was a child. Yet she over-

came this handicap and trained as a nurse serving with the Red Cross during World War I. She modeled for designer Herman A. MacNeil at the age of 22 and appeared as "Miss Liberty" on the Liberty Standing Quarter of 1916 to 1930. A classical nude figure from the waist up, "Miss Liberty" stirred a tremendous controversy and from late in 1917 onward, "Miss Liberty" was dressed in a coat of armor in a classic example of overcompensation.



A 19 year old shy school teacher, Anna Willis Williams, posed for some designs for George T. Morgan. At first, her "Miss Liberty" appeared on a half dollar design. As the "Bland Dollar" was approved by Congress, Morgan's half dollar design was hastily adapted for the new silver dollar popularly known today as the "Morgan Dollar." Attempts to keep her identity unknown failed and the resultant publicity caused Miss Williams to resign her teaching position.

In 1921 the Morgan Dollar was succeeded by the Peace Dollar (1921-1935). Although the Italian sculptor, Anthony De Francisci always insisted that the "Liberty Head" appearing on the Peace Dollar was a "composite" of "Liberty," his wife, Teresa De Francisci posed for her husband's design.

FIRST IDENTIFIED WOMAN ON A U.S. COIN

But, after all, Sarah Longacre, Martha Cunningham and others were not really pictured on American coins. Their images were utilized as symbolic devices representing "Liberty." Who was the first identified woman to appear on a U.S. coin?

Well, it won't be Susan B. Anthony. The honor belongs to Queen Isabella I of Spain who appears on the 1893 silver quarter dollar commemorative for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. This financial sponsor of Christopher Columbus, strangely enough, appeared on the only quarter dollar U.S. commemorative coin partly through the efforts of Ms. Anthony as related earlier in this article.

Virginia Dare of North Carolina was reported to be the first white child born in America. This event caused her to be the first American Woman depicted on a U.S. coin. She appears as a baby, held by her British mother, on the 1937 silver commemorative half dollar observing the 350th anniversary of Roanoke Island, Virginia. Virginia Dare was born in August, 1587.

FIRST AMERICAN WOMEN TO APPEAR ON COINS

Who was the first American Woman, other than baby Virginia Dare, to appear on coins?

In 1960, Israel released a one lira cupronickel coin commemorating the centenary of her birth and the building of Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. The American Woman so honored was Henrietta Szold, the first American Woman on a non-U.S. coin. Her image does not, however, appear on the coins. Her name appears along with a shepherdess holding a lamb. Ms. Szold is the



founder of the Womens' Zionist Organization of America.



And of course, Grace Kelly, now Princess Grace of Monaco, is the first American Woman shown in portraiture on a non-U.S. coin. Her effigy appears on the 1966 10 francs and gold 200 francs, both

marking the 10th anniversary of her marriage to Prince Rainier III of the House of Grimaldi.

Other American Women have deeply affected the coinage of the world without appearing on any coins.

For example, Martha Washington is said to have provided copper and silver for the minting of some of our first specie. Although her portrait may be found on currency, only some U.S. trial pieces have carried her image.

Wallis Warfield Simpson captured the heart of Edward VIII causing him to abdicate his throne. As she became the Duchess of Windsor, English coins found the new portrait of King George VI.

Recently, the late Golda Meir, an American from Milwaukee, as Prime Minister of Israel, affected economics throughout the Middle-East as she established many of the coinage policies still in effect in Israel.

PLANS FOR THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY DOLLAR

Mint officials have established July 1, 1979, as the target date for the release of the Susan B. Anthony dollars. Plans are to have 1/2 billion coins in inventory to diminish the effect of eager-beaver collectors who will immediately seek the new coin. For the first time since the war nickels of the early 1940s, the Philadelphia produced coins will carry the "P" mint mark.

Thus Susan B. Anthony joins other women whose portraits appear on the world's coins. It is a very select group she joins. The most famous include Cleopatra, Maria Theresa, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth, Catherine the Great and the aforementioned, Queen Isabella. Quite a company for the daughter of an abolitionist Quaker.

C.S.N.A. ELECTION

A more than 50% return of the 1,430 ballots sent out by the secretary were received from the members.

Other than a few write-in names for various offices which had no bearing on the results of the ballots sent in, the following votes were received by the candidates:

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The above officers will serve for the term 1979-81.

CSNA EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND

The CSNA Educational Memorial Fund is an excellent way to remember your friends or relatives. The donation of dollars in their name can pave the way to educate our junior or novice numismatists in many ways. Instructive programs are in the making and with the needed funds to fulfill the requirements of presentation, we will have a program for you at one of the conventions in the near future.

Send all contributions to Don Thrall, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707. The name of your loved one will live on in the hobby.

At It Fifty Years -- A Numismatic Human Interest Story

PART II By A. KOSOFF, N.L.G. — CSNA IM 1-17

We were in the post war period and speculation in gold was pretty hectic. I was reminded about the speculation in commemorative half dollars in the 1930s. You may recall that a commemorative half dollar could usually be bought directly from the commission in charge for \$1. The profit was spent to commemorate the particular event being celebrated. In New York City, we had a fine old gentleman who would buy 500 of each commemorative issue. He would sell them to the small shop keepers at \$1.25 each and we in turn would charge the collector \$1.50 per coin. That was the commemorative business in those days. Had it continued that way we might still be getting new commemoratives. If a collector missed a certain issue and tried to get it a year or two later, he might find that it had gone up to \$2 or \$2.50. That being the case, he decided to buy 2 coins directly from the commission at \$1 each. When the coin went to \$2 he would sell one and have one free. And it seemed to work out nicely . . . so . . . why not buy 100 coins at \$1 each? . . . and he did . . . his friends did the same and a lot of other people also ended up with 100 coins each.



In time, he came into a coin shop with 99 coins for sale, say 1934 Texas half dollars. He wanted \$2 each. We would only offer \$1.75 each. He would think it over. Later the same day, Mr. B. came in with 99 Texas coins, he wanted \$2 each. We offered \$1.60. "But you offered Mr. A \$1.75 each earlier." True, but now we won't pay it. Later, Mr. A. did come back and would accept \$1.75, but by that time the price was down to \$1.40. The same thing happened with the Boones, Oregon and Arkansas series. I recall buying 8000 Stone Mountain halves at 52 cents each. Another time, Tom Melish, who had been in charge of distributing the Cleveland half dollars, had

16,000 of these against which he had borrowed face value or \$8000.00. If I would pay him \$50 he would turn the lot over to me, that is I would assume his loan. I turned it down.

I must tell you about B. C. Johnson of the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. I was in his office in 1945 buying a lot of patterns from the Brand Estate. I was selling them to King Farouk. Louis Eliasberg heard I was going to see Johnson and asked me to make a deal for him for the 1822 \$5 gold piece. There are only 3 of these known and one was in the Smithsonian. I made the deal and Johnson tried to get me to take another piece in a package deal. I did not do it, Eliasberg wouldn't do it, nobody seemed to want to take it. For \$6,500 we turned it down, the coin, the only 1870 S mint \$3 gold piece available. At an earlier date, Johnson handled all 5 of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickels. Anyone willing to spent \$1,500, 5 pieces at \$300 each, could own the whole lot. Nobody would do it. I passed, Jim Kelly passed. Eric Newman had the pick of the lot and bought the first one and in 1945 while Molly was giving Mrs. Newman a lesson in knitting, I bought the coin from Eric . . . this time for \$2,000. It is the best of the 5 pieces and is now in the Eliasberg collection. Jim Kelly sold one to Fred Olsen of Alton, Illinois and when B. Max Mehl sold the Olsen Collection, King Farouk placed a bid on the nickel and got it at \$3,750. In the meantime, I acquired Fred Boyd's nickel and also offered it to Farouk for only \$2,750 and he bought it. When he was advised by Mehl that he had bought another nickel, Farouk tried to turn it down. Max stood his ground and Farouk paid him for it. In fact, Farouk turned over a lot of other coins to Max Mehl for an auction and included the Olsen nickel. This time it sold again for \$3,750 to Ed Hydemann and that is the coin which I sold a few years back for \$100,000 which was recorded in the Guinness book of Records as being the highest price paid for a single coin up to that time. One more nickel should be mentioned. J. V. McDermott had his on display all over the country. It was sold by Jim Kelly in the 1967 ANA convention sale for \$46,000 to Aubrey Bebee who still owns it.

Among the more popular of my reminiscences have to do with my early auction sales. In my very first sale a \$4 gold stella went for \$169, a Panama Pacific \$50 gold piece brought \$208, a Mexico 60 peso coin brought \$235, a \$1 gold proof of 1875, \$127.50, a \$2.50 of 1796, \$75, a set of un-

circulated cents 1857 through 1938 brought \$150.00, a \$3 gold 1854D, \$38. A \$10 gold 1933 went for \$131. This piece now brings at least \$40,000. I recall making an announcement at our October 1941 sale that our next sale would feature duplicate books from the American Numismatic Society and would be held on December 12th. No one in that room dreamed that we would then be at war. Every one thought that they should go about their business and the sale went ahead on schedule as did the next one in January 1942 when a proof dollar of 1841 went for \$8.25. In our March 1942 sale a \$4 1880 flowing hair Stella brought \$377.50. I had stated that I thought it was a \$500 coin. In 1967 I was writing about this item and reflected that it had advanced to a value of \$10,000. One sold recently for about \$40,000! A proof Washington Roman Head cent went for \$175 but it never reached the buyer. It was shipped to Robert R. Prann in San Juan Puerto Rico and the ship was sunk due to enemy action. It is somewhere on the floor of the Caribbean. In the 1942 ANA sale an 1857 proof silver dollar brought \$11, a set of 2 cent pieces including the 1864 small motto proof, \$80.00, a complete set of Uncirculated Buffalo nickels, \$115 and proof double eagles averaged \$60 each.

If one examined the NUMISMATIST or the SCRAPBOOK one would see ads only seeking to buy. Hardly a coin was listed for sale. The market had dried up. So, when Mike Higgy of Columbus, Ohio called me to come to buy his collection, I wasted little time. It was sold at auction in September 1943. Wayte Raymond had been publishing his Standard Catalogue of U.S. Coins annually but because of the paper shortage, for 1943 only a leaflet type supplement was prepared and I had helped with the price changes. Accordingly I had an advance copy. I used those figures as estimates for the Higgy coins. Well, prices went crazy. You cannot believe it unless you were there. A coin with a 1942 catalogue value of \$2 and a supplement price of \$2.50 went for \$9-10-11-12. All along the line double, triple, quadruple the standard price and even more. Dealers sneaked out of the room to scout around town to buy up whatever they could before word got around. I called the Higgy Sale the start of the coin boom. Mail bids had come in in unprecedented numbers and I had BUY or UNLIMITED bids on most of the lots in the sale. In many cases we had as many as 8 BUY bids on a single coin. Obviously, only the first bid received could be honored. The others got explanations which some found hard to accept. After all, if your bid is UNLIMITED how could you not get the coin? That taught me a lesson. Never again would I accept an unlimited bid and I never have.

I recall an experience involving a relative of William H. Woodin. Long before Woodin became Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury in 1933, he was one of this country's outstanding Numismatists. Through Fred Boyd, I handled most of Woodin's Pattern pieces. After his death, a close relative was directed to me by the same Fred Boyd and for a few years I acquired a lot of lovely coins. One time there were 56 pairs of 1877 and 1878 proof 20 cent pieces which represented more than 10% of the entire mintage.

Another time he brought in a big lot of 1¢, 3¢ and 5¢ proofs of 1878. Colonial gems were not unusual. One humorous incident comes to mind. After our move to California in 1948, I made appointments to meet the gentleman whenever I visited New York. One day we were lunching at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and he turned to me and asked; "Would you mind if, this once, I put the price on this coin? You see it is the very last coin I have." No, I didn't mind. In fact, I took out a blank check, filled in the date, his name and my signature. "You fill in the amount", I said. He told me to do that, \$2,000.00 he suggested. I did and handed the check to him. He handed me an envelope. I didn't look at the coin. Instead I put it into my pocket. "Aren't you going to look at it?", he asked. I said I knew what it was which put a puzzled look on his face. It was not magic. First, I had just sold a similar piece so it was fresh in my mind, secondly, one could readily feel the extremely high relief of the 1907 double eagle. Yes, that is what it was. I then suggested he would have been better off if I had set the price. In fact, I asked that he return the check for \$2,000 and I would draw a new one for \$3,000 for that is what I had just paid for the one I sold. But no, he said he had wanted to put the price on the coin and I had agreed so we had a deal. No, I do not still have that specimen . . . today's value is \$200,000.00.

Back in 1960 I had an experience, part of which I could have done without. We had sailed to Japan and were met at the dock by a contingent from the Yokohama Numismatic Society which escorted us to our hotel. A few days later the secretary called on me to invite me to a Sukiyaki Welcome Party. The invitation was for me alone, stag, no ladies. They picked me up, drove me to the Sukiyaki House and sat me on the floor where I cringed, squirmed and otherwise gave evidence of discomfort at which my hosts giggled most of the time. Nevertheless, it was a most interesting affair. After 3½ hours, my back didn't seem to be my own. The head man, who was also a vice-president of a big bank, then asked if I would like to go to his home to see his personal collection. I never got up off the

floor so fast! We drove a short way to his home. As we entered, we were greeted by his wife who selected the finest pillow for me — to sit on the floor again.

I remember going into a shop in Bangkok. They had some odd and curious coins in the window. Did he have any others? Please, come in the back room. Loads of coins. I bought every piece in the shop. And in Corinth, Greece, one of the cradles of ancient numismatics . . . what a disappointment . . . no signs of any mint and a very poor display at what went for the local museum.

One of my most memorable experiences had to do with the Josiah K. Lilly Collection. He was a brother of Eli Lilly of the famous pharmaceutical house in Indianapolis. He left several important collections not the least of which was the numismatic collection.

I was called in for consultation. While I was studying the situation, Joseph Barr, who was from Indianapolis and was the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, called the Trustee to express interest on the part of the government in the possibility of acquiring the collection. This gave me more to consider and I finally recommended that this possibility be pursued. It was a long, drawn-out affair necessitating trips to Indianapolis and to Washington. Finally, a special act of Congress was written so that the government could give the Estate a tax credit for the appraised amount. The bill was sent to the House Judiciary Committee where a special sub-committee was appointed to study it. In the meantime, I had to come up with an appraisal and, all of a sudden, time became important. Eventually, we were called to Washington to appear before this sub-committee to answer a lot of questions. After all, 5½ million dollars was involved. While all the procrastination was going on month after month, the Trustee had me making other plans should the government fail to act. I was to be captain of a team of cataloguers. I would catalogue all the U.S. and Territorial gold and I would assign the task of cataloguing the foreign coins to the various experts in coins of their own countries. I already had Emile Bourgey lined up for the French coins, Jacques Schulman was to do the low countries, Xavier Calico would handle Spain and so on. Conference telephone calls were regular experiences and the site of the planned series of auction sales was to be the Parke Bernet Galleries in New York City with the large cities tied in by closed circuit television. The catalogue would have been an historic text book. When one Congressman asked me why I seemed so anxious for the government to acquire the collection, I responded that then the Smithsonian would not have to look at the heels of the Hermitage in Leningrad or

the British Museum in London when the leading numismatic collections were discussed. He then asked further what would happen if Congress did not act favorably. To this I smiled and replied, "Then sir, you will be responsible for my earning the biggest commission of my life." The rest is history. The committee recommended the bill and Congress passed it and the collection is now in the Smithsonian. It cost 5½ million. I don't dare try to estimate its current value. A wild guess would put it at about \$25 million.

To be concluded in FALL Issue

Auction in Anaheim

Joel L. Malter & Company will conduct another full complement of auction sessions at the CSNA 65th Convention at the Sheraton-Anaheim in October, 1979.

One of the features will be the collection from the estate of Jack Nestle. Mr. Nestle was a collector of note for more than fifty years. He was a founding member, a life member and an active participant of the California State Numismatic Association. It is only fitting that this diverse collection be offered at a CSNA convention.

This auction will present many fine United States type and series examples as well as currency, tokens and medals. A large selection of California trade checks, tokens and medals will also be offered. An outstanding group of Canadian coins and tokens will again offer an added scope to the auction. Many unusual crowns will be featured along with the prize winning counter-stamped coins of the world.

Perhaps the most important section of Mr. Nestle's many collections . . . will be the Scottish Communion Tokens. Several hundred important tokens along with the literature and collecting notes will be offered in a separate catalog.

If you have questions regarding this material, write to Joel L. Malter & Co., P.O. Box 777, Encino, CA 91316. The next issue of Calcoin News will carry the time of day and room locations for the auction sessions.



Bryan Burke
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Where would you ever find a medallion for David Hosack? Would it be a crude striking of inferior workmanship or a fine one? Would it cost the collector a large sum or be inexpensive?

Dr. Hosack (1769-1835) led the life of a man of varied interests. He was a leader in medicine, pioneering in obstetrics and diseases of women, performed the first femoral tie for an aneurysm, and advocated vaccinations. He is also credited with popularizing the stethoscope and founding the Bellvue Hospital.



Small medallion honoring Dr. David Hosack which is available from the U.S. mint for a very low price.

His name is found throughout the pages of New York state. He founded the New York Historical Society, aided the American Academy of Fine Arts, and founded the Elgin Botanical Gardens on his own estate in Hyde Park. His mineralogical collection became the nucleus for the Princeton College collection. Even the social problems of the day did not escape his attention. He served on a committee to aid the tenement workers. Education was an important part of life to Dr. Hosack. He traveled abroad to improve his ability at a time when most physicians did not even understand why he went to Europe. He lectured at colleges, chaired departments, and even founded a college. His paper on vision served as a guide for the practice and future study in the field of sight. He was also a hero as he often faced danger to aid his fellow man. Once while returning from a trip to England he ministered to the steerage passengers during an outbreak of typhus.

Where most numismatists discovered Dr. Hosack is through history. This man attended the dying Alexander Hamilton after being shot by Aaron Burr.

For his many contributions, Congress authorized a beautiful medallion struck for him. The modern collector can purchase one of these historic medallions, made from the same die, for only \$1.75.

This historic medallion, and hundreds more, can be purchased from any U.S. mint or through the mail to the Old Mint in San Francisco. All are at bargain prices.

THE U.S. MINT MEDALS, almost 300, are available at a nominal price. No matter what field of numismatics one follows, one or more of these medallions will enhance your collection. You can own a medal which supports regularly issued coins historically, artistically, by appearance, or by being designed by the same artist who designed the actual coins in a collection. The series features the presidents, army and navy heroes, secretaries of the treasury, directors of the mint, famous buildings, and other historic events.

THESE ITEMS ARE INEXPENSIVE at a time when many collectors are seeking less costly fields of interest. Yet, these striking are genuine examples of great historic events. The persons honored on the medallion usually receive a copy in gold at an appropriate ceremony. The bronze pieces are then sold to the public.

COLLECTING THESE MEDALLIONS has some other advantages. Besides the fact that a complete collection would cost only about \$800, there are other attractions. Security is less of a problem because a thief would have to haul off over a hundred pounds to take your collection. Thus, this is a collection which could be kept at home and enjoyed. Also, one does not have to purchase the complete collection, and can select only those pieces which are of personal interest.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SERIES features a three inch medallion for each of our presidents. Many are extremely high in relief and quite fascinating. The William Henry Harrison piece must be struck fourteen times to make all the detail stand out. This means this medallion is double-struck and then annealed seven times before it is completed.

THE ARMY AND NAVY SERIES offers many medallions voted by Congress for service to the nation. Starting with the famous "Washington above Boston," the army selection takes one through the battle fields of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, War with Mexico, and ending with a large medallion for Grant during the Civil War. As these presentations were made by Congress, politics had to enter. When the Democrats realized that the Whigs were pushing recognition for Zachary Taylor in preparation for the next election, the medallions were then given to Winfield Scott, a Democrat, rather than to Taylor. The navy has received more honors in medals than any other group. From the first striking for John Paul Jones' victory over the *Scrapis* to one for Vice Admiral Rickover and the nuclear vessels, the navy has had excellent coverage in large bronze pieces.

THE SECRETARIES OF THE TREASURY AND DIRECTORS OF THE MINT have naturally been honored through the years. Not all the Secretaries have been recalled in bronze, but from the tenure of William Windom in 1881 the series is quite complete. For numismatists, the series for the directors of the mint are of great interest. The first director, David Rittenhouse, is represented by a small but attractive medal. After a few unrecognized directors, the group is almost complete from Robert Maskell Patterson in 1835 to the present.

THE MISCELLANEOUS PIECES ARE MOST INTERESTING because they include buildings, men, and events which are intriguing to collectors. Many mints and other buildings associated with the treasury department are bodily pictured on large and small medals. Other items of interest would be the ten pieces featuring George Washington, the Indian peace medals, and those issued for life saving by citizens. History really comes to life when one holds a medallion authorized by Congress for completion of the Atlantic cable, the opening of the American embassy in Japan, the completion of the transcontinental railroad, for the first flight by the Wright brothers, for Lindbergh's flight, for Robert Goddard's rocket experiments, and for Robert Frost and his poetry.

DEDICATION IS THE WATCHWORD for these medallions. They are not made because of a desire for profit by merely recalling some event in history. These pieces are made from original dies, by careful mint employees, in order to allow Americans to tangibly share in their own heritage. Most of the productions require several strikings, then the individual trimming of the edges on a lathe. Between strikings the planchet must be reheated before

its return trip to the huge press. When finished, each medal is a work of numismatic art.

TO ORDER THESE MEDALLIONS one should secure a list of the medals called *Medals of the United States Mint* from Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175. Hours are 9-4 Tuesday thru Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday. If possible, the collector should try to purchase the desired pieces personally from one of the mints. If not, the transactions must take place by mail. The mint makes a nominal charge for postage. If the pieces you order are not in stock and must be struck for you, which does not happen often, you might have up to a two month wait.

PLAN NOW TO ENHANCE your collection with some of these inexpensive, but quality, supplemental numismatic items. Order the offerings which will compliment your collection and make it more complete, more historic, and more appealing.

PHOTOGENIC FRIENDS



Ed Fulwider, Don Thrall, Maxine Bryce, Rudy Gjurovich, Clifford Liss and O. L. Wallis.



Nancy Wallis, Don Thrall, Elaine and Frank Strazzarino, and Milton Strauch.



CSNA ladies with Clifford Liss.



HOSTS C.S.N.A. EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The 11th annual California State Numismatic Association educational symposium, held in Fullerton, Calif., on March 10, 1979, had an attendance of 175 persons.

Hosted by the Orange County Coin Club, the program was arranged by William O. Wisslead, Director of Education, who served as Moderator for the international event.

Speakers included Canadian Numismatic Association president, James E. Charlton, whose subject was, "CANADIAN NUMISMATICS — Past, Present and Future". Mr. Charlton was the first speaker of the day in the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. time slot.

Next on the program was Ed Fleischmann of Colorado Springs, Colo., discussing "ANACS COUNTERFEIT DETECTION". Mr. Fleischmann used slides to illustrate his lecture, and permitted questions from the audience as he lectured.

Reluctantly the moderator called for the Lunch Break as it was apparent those attending were much more interested in education than food.

The third speaker of the day was introduced at 2 p.m. and Barbara A. Hyde's usual charm came through in her slide and lecture presentation of "FINE ART IN MEDALLIC FORM". Husband, Richard Hyde, had assisted in the photography and the exnummia fraternity should be ever grateful to the Hydies for this tremendous contribution.

Fourth speaker, Miguel L. Munoz, of Mexico City, Mexico, presented "THE STORY BEHIND THE MEDAL — CARLOS IV". Senor Munoz's slides and lecture revealed many highlights of the fascinating medal.



Bill Wisslead, Miguel Munoz, Barbara Hyde, Ed Fleischmann, J. E. Charlton.

The Question and Answer Period following the conclusion of the four speakers indeed "told the story" of how much the audience had 'paid attention' and appreciated all four speakers. We know new interest was created in Canadian and Mexican numismatics, thanks to our speakers who had traveled great distances to share the day with us.

Each speaker was presented a CSNA Medal properly engraved and a copy of "Money Talks" C.S.N.A.'s Numismatic Anthology duly inscribed. President John E. Lenker made the presentations.

The invitational 'first place' and 'best of show' exhibits included "U.S. 20th Century Type Set" by Gene Bascou; "Lincoln Cents" by Julie Bascou; "San Diegoana" by Catharine Edgerton; "U.S. Commemorative Gold Coins" by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald; "Cuahtemoc — Last of the Aztec Emperors" by Ted Lopez; and "Medallie Tributes — Charles A. Lindberg and the Spirit of St. Louis" by O. L. Wallis. A C.S.N.A. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to each of the exhibitors.



Eight Juniors were honored under the CSNA Junior Scholarship Program. Pictured here are:

Front Row: Michelle Lopez, San Bernardino; Roy Nielsen, Glenn Philblad, both of Heartland Coin Club; Heidi Dittrich, Orange County Coin Club.

Back Row: Ted Lopez, San Bernardino; Peter Johann, La Mesa Numismatic Society; Robert Johnson, Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club; Victor Clark of Heartland Coin Club.

The juniors from Oceanside/Carlsbad and the LaMesa Numismatic Society were part of the group of forty who traveled by chartered bus from San Diego County to attend the symposium. Catharine Edgerton chaired the arrangements for this yearly trip.

Eighty-five (85) attended the evening dinner held at the Holiday Inn. The dinner is informal and intended to honor our speakers and give them an opportunity to relax and enjoy visiting.

The Symposium committee consisted of William O. Wisslead, Chairman, Charles G. Colver, CSNA Secretary, Ruth L. Phillips, CSNA Treasurer, Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Publicity Chairman and Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Exhibit Chairman.



Convention Highlights & Photos

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942



The California State Numismatic Association held its 64th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco, California's Favorite Numismatic City, on April 20-22, 1979, and drew an attendance of over 1,600 coin enthusiasts. The show was hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society with O. L. Wallis serving as General Chairman of the event. The theme of the convention, NAUTICAL NUMISMATICS, was complimented by the convention medal which depicted the U.S.S. Constitution — famed "Old Ironsides" — under full sail, a design used on the fourth inaugural medal struck for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Many of the convention activities revolved around this nautical theme. 68 dealers made up the bourse and business was brisk.



Mary Brooks speaks on The Old Mint at Friday Luncheon. Frank Strazzarino was the Moderator.



Moderator Don Thrall presents awards to Friday Forum speakers, Ozzie Stout and Duane Feisel.

The Friday Luncheon, this year called the Mint Luncheon in honor of the guest speaker Mary Brooks, former Director of the Mint, was attended by 45 CSNA members. Mrs. Brooks, endeared for her work in saving the Old Mint in San Francisco, told many behind-the-scenes tales of the restoration and also disclosed her intention of writing a book on the subject. Mrs. Brooks was presented with an engraved silver tray for her part in making the luncheon so enjoyable. The luncheon was hosted by Frank and Elaine Strazzarino.

The CSNA Educational Forum was held on Friday night with Don Thrall of Berkeley serving as Moderator. Two interesting talks were presented, the first by Duane Feisel was a step by step narrative on the Creation of a Medal; the second was A Numismatic Adventure in the Middle Kingdom, an interesting discourse on Oriental numismatics presented by Osmyn Stout. Mr. Thrall presented both speakers with silver trays in appreciation for their contribution to the forum. Approximately 65 attended the forum and lingered afterward to view the related exhibits and to question the speakers.

A new slate of CSNA officers was elected to serve for the next two years, the results of the mail ballot election being announced at the General Business Meeting on Saturday morning. Albert Hall of Colton was the presidential candidate elected to succeed John Lenker of Redlands. John Sears of Concord was elected Vice President. Don T. Thrall of Berkley was elected Treasurer, and Charles Colver of Covina was reelected Secretary. Eight Directors were also elected: Barbara Hyde of Santa Ana, Dorothy Baber of El Cajon, Richard

Lebold of Buena Park, Phil Iversen of Redondo Beach, Frank Strazzarino of San Francisco, O. L. Wallis of San Rafael, Edward Fulwider of Pacifica, G. Lee Kuntz of Claremont. Mr. Lenker, as immediate Past President will also serve as a Director.

Saturday's convention activities presented something for everyone. CSNA President John Lenker presented a program on Susan B. Anthony and the soon to be released Anthony dollar; The California Exonumist Society held a short business meeting and then heard an excellent program on Nautical Numismatics presented by William O. Wisslead. The meeting was moderated by O. L. Wallis. The Society of International Numismatics Forum in the afternoon heard George Russell speak on The Romance of Turkish Coins, and then the Western States Token Society Forum which followed heard Stephen Album speak on California Related Medals of the American Revolution Bicentennial. All meetings were well attended and offered a wealth of information to those who attended.



New President
Al Hall



Ruth & Rudy



Unique Auction
Items

The Joel L. Malter & Co. conducted three auction sessions during the convention and all were well attended. The last session on Sunday afternoon offered a large collection of weights and scales, and in connection with this subject, The International Society of Ancient Scale Collectors met in an all day symposium on Saturday, and then attended the auction on Sunday.

About 100 members and guests attended the CSNA Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. It was preceeded by a no-host cocktail party and Larry Reppeteau served as Master of Ceremonies. First to be awarded were the CSNA Literary Awards, the Silver Literary Medal being awarded to Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald for his article "HISTORY, ART AND PAPAL MEDALS" and the Bronze Literary Medal being presented to Dr. Roger M. Baty for his article "A MIRROR OF WORLD CULTURES", both articles appearing in the 1978 issues of CALCOIN NEWS. The winners were announced by Ralph "Curly" Mitchell, Chairman of the Literary Awards Committee.



Jim Betton and co-workers at the Joel Malter Auction viewing table.

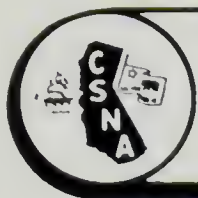


CES Moderator O. L. Wallis presents speaker Bill Wisslead with a ship plaque for his talk — Ships on Coins & Medals.

Clay Read may be diminutive in stature but he was a giant of a winner when the exhibit awards were presented. His medal exhibit entitled "The Seven Continents of the World" not only won him a first place in the medal category, but also won him the CSNA "BEST OF SHOW" award and the California Exonumist Society's "BEST IN EXONUMIA" award. Special guest Mary Brooks presented Clay with the BEST OF SHOW silver tray and CES president Albert Hall presented the BEST IN EXONUMIA award. A special theme award went to Clifford Liss for his exhibit entitled Nautical Medals from Canoe to Battleship, and two invitational exhibit awards were presented to Don Thrall for an exhibit of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's history and to O. L. Wallis for an exhibit entitled U.S.S. OLYMPIA — DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the evening was the presentation of a NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR AWARD to former CSNA president Charles V. Kappen. Mr. Chester Krause of Krause Publications was on hand to make the much coveted award to a very surprised Mr. Kappen.

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Convention Exhibits and Awards

GROUP A — UNITED STATES

- 1st — Three-Cent Nickels, Rose Huntington
- 2nd — United States Type Coins, Carl Windom
- 3rd — U.S. Coinage Denominations, Rose Huntington

GROUP B — MEDIEVAL

- 1st — A Tale of Two Arabian Nights Coins, Ken Takahashi
- 2nd — The Solidus and the Ducat of the Middle Ages, Ken Takahashi
- 3rd — A Silver Dracham of Alexander The Great, Steve Huston

GROUP C — MODERN FOREIGN

- 1st — Commemorative Coins from Taiwan, Victor Titoff
- 2nd — Great Britain Decimal Coinage, Fred Lutjens
- 3rd — Canadian Commemorative Coins, Harry Huntington

GROUP D — SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY

- 1st — Fantasy Coins of China, Raisa Titoff
- 2nd — Money Substitutes of Africa, Albert Hall
- 3rd — Mi Lady's Purse, Lori Reppeteau

GROUP E — PAPER MONEY

- 1st — Two Bucks, Then and Now, Nancy Stanley
- 2nd — Paper Money of China, John Yee
- 3rd — The Founding of Caracas, Virginia Hall

GROUP F — WOODEN MONEY

- 2nd — Wooden Nickels Advertising our Coin Shows, John Sears

GROUP G — ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

- 1st — The Victoria Cross, Albert Hall
- 2nd — Orders of a King, A Shah, and A Bey, Irene Liss

GROUP H — MEDALS

- 1st — The Seven Continents of the World, Clay Read
- 2nd — Nautical Medals from Canoe to Battleship, Clifford Liss
- 3rd — Medals Commemorating Planetary Exploration, Victor Titoff

GROUP I — MISCELLANEOUS

- 1st — Znachki — USSR, Victor Titoff
- 2nd — New Years Tokens of Israel, Phillip Soloman
- 3rd — Nautical Numismatics, Mike Stanley

CLASS J — JUNIORS

- 1st — Modern Mexican Gold Coins, Ted Lopez
- 2nd — Jefferson Nickels, Michelle Lopez
- 3rd — Hawaiian Overprints, Penny Stanley

CLASS K — PHILATELIC/NUMISMATICS

- 3rd — Papua New Guinea First Day Covers, Fred Lutjens

BEST EXONUMIA

- Seven Continents of the World, Clay Read

THEME AWARD

- Nautical Medals from Canoe to Battleship, Clifford Liss

BEST OF SHOW

- Seven Continents of the World, Clay Read

INVITATIONAL

- PCNS History, Don Thrall
- USS Olympia Dewey's Flagship, O. L. Wallis



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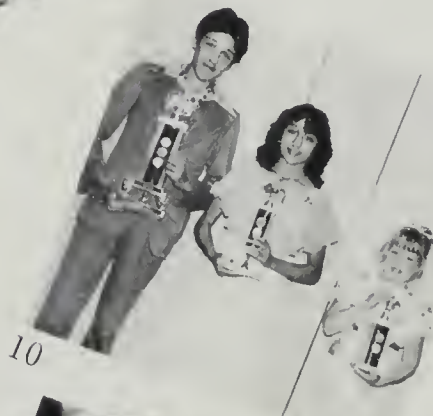
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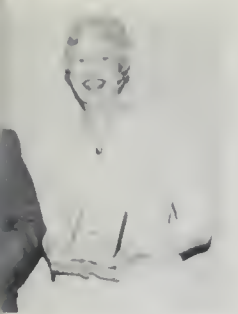


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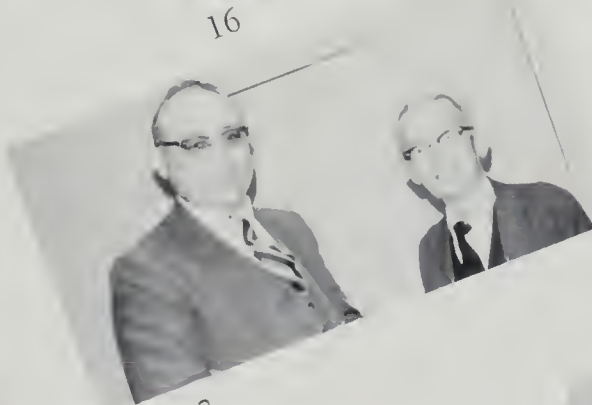
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Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD
CSNA-2074

Born in Youngstown, Ohio on January 24, 1932, Tom Fitzgerald came west with his family as a high school freshman in 1947. Employed at a neighborhood grocery store in Youngstown, he had begun to collect some Lincoln Cents a year earlier by searching through rolls of cents acquired from the store's owner.

Following in the foot-steps of a musician father, Tom studied and became an accomplished percussionist (drummer), performing with symphony orchestras, dance bands and other musical organizations. Receiving musical awards from John Muir College in Pasadena and U.C.L.A., he graduated with a bachelor's degree in music in 1954.

Fitzgerald served two years with an army band during the Korean War during which time he was awarded a Freedom Foundation's Medal from Valley Forge for an essay he wrote on the American Way of Life. Upon receiving his discharge, Tom attended graduate school and received a Masters Degree from California State in Long Beach. He began a teaching career, directing bands and orchestras in the schools of Tehachapi, Victorville and Huntington Beach, California. His musical groups won many awards and Fitzgerald was named an Honorary Life Member of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association, an organization of school music teachers.

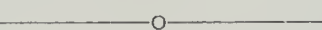
He became a school administrator in Covina in 1969 and received his doctorate in School Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1977.

In addition to writing and publishing several articles in school music and educational journals, Dr. Fitzgerald is consultant to the Standard Catalog of World Coins working with editor Colin Bruce on the Papal and Vatican section.

A frequent exhibitor, he has won awards at every major coin show in the Los Angeles area. He has served as president of several Southern California coin clubs and is a life member of the A.N.A. He is also a member of C.S.N.A., N.A.S.C. and S.I.N. Tom is editor of the Downey Coin Club bulletin and in 1978 won the Numismatic Association of Southern California's Karl M. Brainard Literary Award for his article entitled, "Musicians on Coins and Currency." A repeat performance happened in January, 1979 winning the same award for an article "Between The Wars — German Coinage from 1919 Through 1939."

The Literary Silver Medal given by the California State Numismatic Association for the best article of the year honored Tom recently in San Francisco for his article published in Calcoin News, FALL 1978 entitled "History, Art and Papal Medals."

A resident of Covina, California, and President of the Covina Coin Club, his collecting specialty is Papal Coins, Vatican City Coins and Papal Medals.



KETTLE COINS

"Kettles" are brass tokens struck to look like United States and British gold coins. They are not considered counterfeits, because the maker placed his name "Kettle" on each piece. Commonest varieties are copies of U. S. half-eagles and eagles of 1803 and British spade guineas of George III. It is believed the discs were manufactured to serve as play money, much like poker chips.

Orange County Coin Club To Host Coin Show

Orange County Coin Club, celebrating its 40th Anniversary Year, is busy with plans to host the 65th semi-annual convention and coin show, slated for October 26-27-28, 1979 at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, 1015 West Ball Road, Anaheim, Calif.

In days of olde when weary travelers sought refuge from highwaymen and the cruel elements, legend tells us of a magnificent resting place where royalty and yeomen alike could meet, refresh themselves, and enjoy lodging and service on a par with any castle in the kingdom. Those times have passed, but the Olde English tradition of pride in service and pride in quality surroundings lives on and thrives at the Sheraton-Anaheim.

The convention committee held a meeting at the hotel in January 1979 and we are all eager to have you come and join us for the festivities and we know you will leave with the feeling that this was "one of the best".

The Friday Luncheon is being planned by Ethyl Brown and Millie Buelow. Herbert M. Bergen will serve as Moderator for the Friday evening Educational Forum. The Saturday evening Awards Banquet, with Ruth Hower as Banquet Chairman, has many surprises in store for you. We will honor our C.S.N.A. President Emeritus, and second president (1949-1951), Ralph A. Mitchell. Virginia Hall is planning the Sunday morning breakfast.

Bourse activities are in "good hands" with William O. Wisslead as bourse coordinator, Louis J. Beretich, Bourse Chairman, and Walter H. Dittrich, Security Chairman. John J. Hower, Jr. will serve as Exhibit Chairman.

Joel L. Malter & Co., Encino, Calif. will conduct a three session auction with many rare and exciting items being offered. The California Exnummist Society will have an educational forum on Saturday afternoon. Barbara Burke will offer an afternoon class on Saturday for the ladies featuring holiday decorations, etc.

Full details with convention schedule will be published in the next issue of Calcoin News. In the meantime feel free to write or call the general chairman, Elizabeth L. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707 — telephone (714) 545-0030.

Numismatic Ambassador Award



A very surprised and extremely happy Charles Kappen was the recipient of a Numismatic Ambassador Award at the California State Numismatic Association's Spring Convention in San Francisco recently.

This coveted award is given by Numismatic News, of Iola, Wisconsin for outstanding leadership in the hobby. Dedication and devotion to numismatics describes Mr. Kappen's contributions through the years. Mr. Chet Krause made the presentation at the Saturday night Awards Banquet, April 21. CSNA salutes another of its Past Presidents (1967-1969) to be so honored.

Literary Award

One of the highlights of each Spring convention is the presentation of the Literary Awards. Articles published in Calcoin News the previous year are read by a panel of judges who make their selection as to the first and second medal winners.

The 1978 Silver Literary Award went to Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald of Covina, California for his article entitled History, Art, and Papal Medals. The Bronze Literary Award went to Dr. Roger M. Baty, Redlands, California for his article entitled A Mirror of World Cultures.

Honorable Mention goes to Robert L. Clarke for his two-part article on Banknotes of Reza Shah Pahlavi; Clay Read for Medals of Hawaiian Rulers; and to W. O. West for his article entitled Nuggets of Gold Guleh.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

South of the Tehachapis

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

HAPPINESS IS!!

Seeing the picture of a CSNA Medal showing our Logo on the front cover of The Numismatist, February 1979 issue. We hope all of you read the A.N.A. publication.

M. Wayne Dennis of Torrance, Calif. received a photo-copy of the front cover, April 1979, The Numismatist, included with a letter from Texas showing the IOWNIC "One Wooden Nickel" — 14th Anniversary issue. The letter arrived before Wayne received his copy of The Numismatist. Dennis is immediate past president of IOWNIC.

A.N.A. is to be commended for the beautiful and interesting covers they are giving us this year.

C.O.I.N.'s (Convention of International Numismatics) medal series "The Seven Continents of the World", displayed by Clay Read won top honors in San Francisco on April 21st. What a joy it was to see Clay presented a first place award, best in show award and best in exonumia award. Full details elsewhere in this issue.

Covina Coin Crier, named by Lynda Glover is the new monthly bulletin of the Covina Coin Club. There were fourteen entries in the 'name the new club bulletin contest', and Lynda's entry received the highest number of votes. Issue #5 was published in April 1979.

COMING EVENTS!!

Convention of International Numismatics (C.O.I.N.), will feature 95 bourse dealers, outstanding educational exhibits, including a special from New Zealand, educational symposiums on Friday and Saturday, coin identification table, rare numismatic book auction conducted by George Frederick Kolbe with George Bennett as auctioneer on Saturday and Sunday, the first of a new medal series featuring the country New Zealand, awards breakfast on Sunday morning, etc. All this will take place at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, 7th & Figueroa, Los Angeles on JUNE 8-9-10, 1979. For bourse information contact: William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707. Philip B. D. Parks is President/General Chairman, and the theme country is New Zealand.

California Exonumist Society plans an All Day Collectible Show at the Holiday Inn of Fullerton, in Fullerton, Calif. on Sunday, July 22, 1979. Co-chairman, Dick and Lorna Lebold, Box 5173, Buena Park, Calif. 90622.

Glendale Coin Club's second annual Coin Show, Sunday, September 30, 1979, Glendale Holiday Inn, Glendale, Calif.

Downey Numismatists' 14th Annual Coin Show will be held on Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7, 1979, Downey Womens Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey, Calif. Write the club at P.O. Box 165, Downey, Calif. 90240.

West Valley Coin Club's 21st Annual Coin-A-Rama, Saturday and Sunday, October 20, 21, 1979, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda, Calif. Contact the club: P.O. Box 221, Tarzana, Calif. 91356.

Numismatic Council of Orange County (N.C.O.C.), sponsored by eleven Orange County Coin Clubs will hold its Twelfth Annual Coin Show, Saturday and Sunday, November 24, 25, 1979, at the Quality Inn, 616 Convention Way, Anaheim, Calif. Bourse information from William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707.

Numismatic Association of Southern California (N.A.S.C.) has scheduled its 25th Silver Jubilee Convention to be held at the Ambassador Hotel, 400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. January 24, 25, 26, 1980. For further information contact: N.A.S.C. Secretary, P.O. Box 6477, Buena Park, Calif. 90620.

SINCON VII

Society for International Numismatics held its 7th Annual Convention, April 5, 6, 7, 8, 1979, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Calif. An O.I.N. Counterfeit Detection seminar, conducted by John Hunter and Holland Wallace was held in two sessions. All reports indicate success. Other activities included The Investment Forum by Russell Rulan and Jonathon Hefferlin, an outstanding auction by Joseph Lepezyk, educational forums, exhibits, an active bourse, special youth program, awards breakfast with the A.N.A. President, Grover Criswell as speaker.

WE'VE MOVED

Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles now meets on the first Sunday of each month, Columbia Savings and Loan, 3021 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., time 1 P.M. The bank is located two miles west of San Diego Freeway.

BIRTHDAYS — ANNIVERSARIES

Israel Numismatic Society of San Gabriel Valley celebrated its 10th Anniversary with an Installation Banquet on April 22, 1979, at the Velvet Turtle, 708 N. Hill St., Los Angeles. New officers are Pres. Arnold

Cooklin; V.P. Pauline Salend; Treas. Nate Bromberg; Sec'y's Donna Sims and Esther Bromberg; Directors: E. M. Allie, Leonard Hammer, Lester Dubin, Olivia Cooklin, Ralph Salend, Sally Marx, G. A. Ayers.

Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) entertained ninety-seven members and guests for a gala 20th Anniversary meeting on April 13, 1979. Door prizes included a special numismatic item for each year the club has existed, birthday cake for all, special junior prizes, and FUN Galore. This event followed a successful Super Auction in February and leads off a special Pink Elephant Collectible Sale in May. All annual events. FUN meets on the second Friday, Eagle's Hall, 17729 Arrow (at Alder) in Fontana.

Glendale Coin Club heard Thomas H. Wood trace the club's history for the first twenty years. Tom, GCC Life member No. 2, is a charter member and has been intimately involved with the club's activities since it's first meeting in March, 1959. The special 20th Anniversary meeting was held on March 9, 1979.

In March of 1955, the West Valley Coin Club came in like a lion, and is still going strong, reports Paul Newell, current president. The March 25, 1979 meeting featured a 24th Anniversary Cake; a lecture by Walter Ostroneke, Jr. on "Those Incredible Two Dollar Bills"; displays, door prizes; special auction of gold, silver, proof, uncirculated & key only items.

HEAR YE!! CANDIDATES — ELECTIONS — INSTALLATIONS

San Gabriel Valley Coin Club held its 27th Anniversary and Installation Banquet on Saturday, March 24, 1979, at the Brookside Clubhouse Restaurant in Pasadena, Calif. Prizes included gold and silver. New officers are: Pres Nick Magnano; V.P. Tony Vecchio; Treas. Ed Wilcox; Sec'y's Irene Farley and Pat Wilcox. Governors: Don Lindeman, Alice Rifkin, Doug Norwood, Roger Moses, Chuck McGehee, Joe Canzoneri, Henri Heller.

J. H. "Mac" McInnis, president of the Numismatic Association of Southern California installed Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald as president of the Downey Numismatist on April 4th. Other officers are: Paul Borack, V.P.; Faye Feste, Treas.; Al Hoogeveen, Sec'y and Doc Bach immediate past president. Past President James J. Waldorf presented a talk entitled "The State of the Hobby." Jim talked about collectors, what they are collecting and what he sees as the future. For many it was a discouraging commentary, one which spoke of fewer collectors, fewer dealers, fewer coin clubs

and disappointing returns on investments, as reported in the Downey club bulletin.

Frankly we are glad we've been looking at the "other side of the coin and hobby" which has revealed an upward trend in club attendance, new members, bourse and exhibit activities in the conventions and coin shows. Surely all of us are more interested in the hobby as an educational experience and not as an investment project. Perhaps the clubs that may have a lack of attendance should offer a coupon worth five gallons of gasoline instead of a gold coin and see how many attend the meeting!!

VERDUGO HILLS SHOW

A very successful one day show, held on Sunday, March 11th, at Sterlings Restaurant in Sunland, Calif. is reported by the Verdugo Hills Coin Club. There were 19 bourse dealers, a branch post office with special cancellation, excellent exhibits with Bob Thompson receiving the most votes for 'Peoples Choice'. President Dennis Rocklein has expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the workers, along with the 450 who attended the one day event. The club meets on the second Monday of each month in the Glendale Federal Savings Building, 250 Honolulu Ave., Montrose, Calif.

THE COIN PRESS

San Bernardino County Coin Club's monthly publication for May states "Mary Peters of West Covina joined our club during the month of March. This continues our member-a-month program now ongoing since December, 1974. Let's keep it up. I think we are the only club in the nation with a record like this."

DOWN SAN DIEGO WAY

At a recent Joint Meeting of the Inter Club Council, Charlie Nissen was presented with Medal of Merit #4. Part of the basis of award was the organization of the Ocean-side-Carlsbad Coin Club in 1955. Charlie is the North County's Numismatic Ambassador. He is always available to speak before any group — School, Civic and Military — as well as coin clubs. His time and knowledge have been given freely to many young people and many Boy Scouts have earned their Merit Badges in numismatics with his help. Charlie has been active in all the local functions and in ANA National Coin Week with exhibits at banks, schools, and libraries, etc.

General Chairman, Lloyd Lindemer, reports on the plans for the 22nd COIN-ARAMA of the San Diego County Inter Club Numismatic Council to be held on 7 and 8 July, 1979 in the Scottish Rite Memorial Center. The theme on the medal and wooden piece will be "The Transcontinental Train" and Transportation in general will be the theme of the show.

The Council will sponsor a CSNA Fall Show in 1980, and plans are underway to sponsor an ANA Convention in 1983.

Esecondido Coin Club meets on the third Thursday, 7:30 P.M., at the Joslyn Senior Center, 210 Park Ave., Esecondido, Calif. Officers serving the club are Pres. William Fell; Vice-President Don Webb; Treasurer Thomas Greenwood and Secretary Gladly Greenwood.

Heartland Coin Club's officers for the new year are Pres. Lloyd Lindemer; V.P.'s David Cherry & Jim Heine; Sec. Paul Olson & Lou Whited; Treas. Mike Lindstrom. Recent programs have been United States Coins by **Harvey Rose**; Mexican Coins by **Carl Sandburg**; and Type Coins by **Lloyd Lindemer**. All were presented CSNA Certificate of Appreciation Awards.

Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club celebrated its 24th Birthday during the Installation Banquet on March 3rd. **Ralph A. Mithcell** spoke on one of his favorite subjects "Emperor Norton". Recent club speakers are: **Catharine Edgerton**, "Ladies on Medals & Coins"; **R. F. Spencer**, "Silver Dollar Investing"; **Dale Joslyn**, "Treasure Hunting for Coins". Secretary **Betty M. Young** reports all were presented CSNA Certificate of Appreciation Awards.

Clairmont Coin Club heard **M. Shaw** discuss "English Coinage 13-18 Century"; **J. Mohr** talked about "Post Cards and Cigar Boxes"; and **Lee Trapanier** told about "Protecting Coins". Each speaker received a CSNA Certificate of Appreciation Award.

International Numismatic Society of San Diego continues with a specified country as the theme of the monthly meetings. Recent programs have been **Catharine Edgerton** using as her topic "Leopold the First of Austria"; **Charles Wyatt** discussed "Coins of the German States". Mr. Wyatt has written a book on "World Coinage, 1650 to 1750". **Alex Struthers** chose as his topic "Don't Discount the Peso".

CSNA Secretary, **Charles G. Colver**, recently received a card from **Dorothy Baber**, President of the **San Diego Numismatic Society** stating "I need some speakers certificates for the SNDA. Apparently they haven't been using them — I cannot find a supply." Proud recipients will be **Al Baber** on the subject "Fiat Money"; **Roger Sullivan**, "U.S. Military Medals"; and **William West**, "John Paul Jones".

(If your club is not using the C.S.N.A. Certificate of Appreciation Awards you should contact the CSNA Secretary and learn how simple it is to receive them. — SOTI Editor)

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

San Bernardino County Coin Club started the year with **Dr. Larry Burgess** making his sixth appearance in a row. This dynamic speaker chose as his topic: "Why Lincoln?"

The following month **Lee and Joyce Kuntz** guided the club on "A Trip to the Island of Yap"; followed by the exciting trip of "The Great White Fleet" narrated by **William O. Wisslead**. This was a dream trip of President Theodore Roosevelt who wanted to show the world the beauty and strength of the U.S. Fleet. Returning to the local scene, Charter Member #3, **Fred Coops**, a well known and loved dealer talked about "The Current Coin Boom". Moving on to Chicago and the time slot 1892/93, **Albert K. Hall** discussed one of his favorite topics "The Columbian Exposition". The story behind the fair, the buildings, the location, the souvenirs were highlighted.

In February, **Peggy E. Borgolte**, guided the **Orange County Coin Club** on an exciting cruise "A Trip to Malta". Returning the following month, **Andrew C. Winterhoff** presented "Reminiscence of an Ole Timer". In April, **J. H. McInnis, Jr.**, current President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, delighted the club with his talk on "The Coinage of Scotland — The Early Years". One member of OCCC (a past president) and his wife drove up from Poway, Calif. to hear this program and returned home the same evening. Bruce stated "The program was well worth the trip". The Orange County Coin Club meets at 320 N. Harbor Blvd. in Fullerton, Calif., on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Pomona Valley Coin Club meets on the first Saturday, 8 P.M., 2111 Bonita Ave., La Verne, Calif. Recent educational programs have been "United States Civil War Tokens" discussed by **Jack Detwiler**, a well known authority. The top authority, **Herbert M. Bergen**, discussed "Numismatics — The Hobby and/or Investment".

Redlands Coin Club meets on the second Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., Provident Bank Bldg., 125 E. Citrus, Redlands, Calif. A very interested group heard **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald** speak on the "United States Large Cents". **Elizabeth L. Wisslead** displayed a complete set of "The Guide Book of United States Coins" and discussed her experience with putting the collection together.

Monterey Park Coin Club since December has reported an increase in membership and attendance at club meetings. Through a mistake **Bill Wisslead** won the attendance drawing in March — was absent so did not collect, according to **Vera Schymos**, Corres. Secretary.

Tustin Coin Club, meeting on April 13th, paid tribute to "Thomas Jefferson", his life story and many talents on his birthday. **Elizabeth L. Wisslead** was the speaker. **Jaycine Patchin** is doing an excellent job as President of the club this year!!

G. A. 'Corky' Ayers, "Love Tokens", California Wooden Money Assn., Upland Coin Club.

George Baude, "Inflation from Nero to Nixon", Bay Cities Coin Club; "Coin and Currency of the American Political Scene", Covina Coin Club; "Coin and Currency of the Mexican Revolution", Culver City Coin Club; "Propaganda on Coins and Currency", Society of International Numismatics, SGVC.

James L. Betton, "House of Rothchild", SIN San Gabriel.

Charles G. Colver, "Washington in Numismatics", Covina Coin Club; Upland Coin Club; Whittier Coin Club; "Home Town Bank Notes", Orange Coast Coin Club.

M. Wayne Dennis, "How to Exhibit", Torrance Coin Club.

Dr. Herbert Drapkin, "First International Convention in Jerusalem", Israel Numismatic Society ISN.

Arthur J. Frank, "The Coinage of Alexander the Great of Macedon", Santa Barbara Coin Club.

Milton Fishgold, "The 25 Mills Varieties", Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles.

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, "Those Magnificent Papal Medals", Upland Coin Club.

Ed Fladung, "A Look at Deltiology", San Gabriel Valley Coin Club.

Martin Gorman, "Coins of Brazil", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Jim Hess, "World Crowns", Torrance Coin Club.

Leona Kohl, "Female Bella Slave and Timbuktu", Long Beach Coin Club.

Mel Kohl, "History through the Art of Numismatics", Long Beach Coin Club; Bay Cities Coin Club.

Jerry Kleeb, "Turkish Coin Design Copying in the Middle Ages", Los Angeles Coin Club.

John E. Lenker, "Susan B. Anthony Dollar", Fontana United Numismatists; Redlands Coin Club.

Joel L. Malter, "5000 Years of Scales, Weights and Measures", Santa Barbara Coin Club.

Marion Manesse, "A Trip to Israel", SIN, San Gabriel.

J. H. Melinnis, Jr., "Early Coinage of Scotland", Culver City Coin Club; Long Beach Coin Club; Torrance Coin Club; SIN Santa Monica.

John Nicols, "Philippine Paper Money", San Fernando Valley Coin Club.

Cliff Willoughby, "Hawaiian Heritage", O.C.I.N.A.; Orange Coast Coin Club.

Margaret Willoughby "Capsule History of Coins", Norwalk Coin Club.

Elizabeth L. Wisslead, "The Guide Book of United States Coins", Fountain Valley Coin Club.

William O. Wisslead, "The Great White Fleet", Santa Ana Coin Club; "Ships on Coins and Medals", Torrance Coin Club; "The Famous Maria Theresa Taler", O.C.I.N.A.; "Coins with Special Significance", Tustin Coin Club, Laguna Hills Coin Club.

Laurie Wright, "Unusual Coins, Currency, Stamps and Tokens", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Dr. John A. Venable, "Silver and Gold Coins" Fountain Valley Coin Club.

Robert Patchin, "Type Coins", Garden Grove Coin Club.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Denver Halsted, our novegenarian friend, Norwalk Coin Club.

Russel K. Johnson, long time member and bourse dealer of West Valley Coin Club.



WHAT IS A MEREAU?

The use of the term Mereau, especially in French catalogues of coins and coin sales, is not as common as formerly. For those who desire to learn the distinction between mereaux and ietons, a French collector now residing in Paris has furnished the following:

The highest French authorities give the following definitions of a mereau:

From and after the twelfth century, the name of mereau was given to certain conventional tokens, in lead, copper and silver, of private issue. In ecclesiastical gatherings it denoted the presence of monks, and their share in the division of benefits, in the markets, mereaux were given as receipts for purchase, in the workshops they represented a certain amount of labor performed, and were redeemable for cash. Among the early Protestants, the mereau represented a communicant's token. They were also used as memorials by the various guilds, on the occasion of the funerals of their members.

Mereau is therefore virtually identical with a token, mark or ieton, but I do not know of an absolute English equivalent, for it seems to have long been used with the various significances attached to each of these pieces. The term is now gradually passing out of use.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

North of the Tehachapis

By Maxine Bryce CSNA 1243

Greetings. There has been a surge of general interest in coins. Attendance at coin shows and meetings has increased. The local clubs have been busy with shows, exhibits, programs, and meetings, filling the growing need for numismatic knowledge and information exchange. Don't miss the boat — join your local coin club, if you aren't already a member. They will also welcome you as a visitor or prospective member at their meetings.

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY featured Love Tokens at its February meeting, with an ANA slide program presented by Vice President **Fred Holton**. At the March meeting there were two activities — a trading session early in the evening followed by the showing of a slide series on "U. S. Commemorative Coinage." For April the featured speaker was **Dennis Olswang**, whose talk on "Commemorative Coins of Canada" was supplemented by examples of those coins. Scheduled for May was a slide presentation on "U. S. Type Coins in Silver and Copper."

The FNS newsletter, titled "The Fresno Numismatist," is worth keeping for reference. **Dale Hewlett**, its editor, presents brief articles in each month's issue. Articles on U. S. type half dollars, the U.S. half dime, Great Britain's Maundy coins, and how to recognize some common coin forgeries have appeared in recent issues.

Fresno Numismatic Society meets the second Tuesday of the month at Beverly Park Club House, 2970 East Weldon, Fresno, at 7:30 p.m. Mailing address of FNS is P.O. Box 41, Fresno, CA 93707.

MEMBERSHIP MUSHROOMS

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB reports their January coin show and the meetings that followed it set a record. 46 persons applied for membership at the show and 16 applied for membership at the February meeting. **Doug Andrey** headlined the February program, narrating ANA slides on currency. There were 11 exhibitors. In March the speaker was **Ed Fulwider**, chief die-sinker at the San Francisco U.S. mint. He discussed the Susan B. Anthony dollar and answered questions from the floor. There were 8 exhibitors, and **Rod Perelli**, club historian, displayed the scrapbook for the past year. **Richard Tinney** was scheduled to speak on "Legal Aspects of Coin Collecting" at the May meeting.

TWO ELECTIONS

At its April meeting the San Jose Coin Club elected its officers for the year April 1979 — April 1980. The new officers are: **Steve Sanford**, president; **Allen Covarrubias**, vice president; **Thomas Krauss**, junior vice president; **Carol Farren**, recording secretary; **Larry Benson**, corresponding secretary; **E. P. "Wally" Wallaker**, treasurer; **Ed Sins**, librarian; **Rod Perelli**, historian; and board **Craig Kumler**, **Vic Lazzaro**, **Ron Miller**, **Dick Smith**, and **George Andrey** (immediate past president).

An election also took place to decide the winning designs for the club's 1980 medal. The medal contest winners were: **Allen Covarrubias**, obverse design, and **Carol Farren**, reverse design. Taking second place were **Frank Corral**, obverse, and **Dick Smith**, reverse. Third place went to **George Andrey**, obverse, and **K. Burnell** and **George Andrey** (a tie), reverse. All of the foregoing will receive silver 1980 medals as prizes.

San Jose Coin Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Santa Clara County Service Center, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, at 7:30 p.m. Dues, \$2. Mail — P. O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150.

MILLBRAE GOES TO SAN JOSE

Because their regular meeting place was being used for a special election March 6, nine members of the LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY went down to San Jose and attended the San Jose Coin Club meeting. Liberty's vice president, **Ed Fulwider**, was guest speaker at the San Jose club on the Susan B. Anthony dollar design. Under normal conditions LNS regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Millbrae Community Library, Millbrae, at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

BAKERSFIELD SHOW

BAKERSFIELD COIN SHOW held its 18th Annual Coin Show at the Casa Royale Motor Inn, Bakersfield, April 7 and 8. It was a tremendous success, exceeding all expectations. **George McCormick**, general chairman, was assisted by **Glen Osburn**, bourse chairman; **Ken Feer**, ticket chairman; **Walter Sorensen**, exhibit chairman; **Grace Fimple**, registration; **Georgia Osburn** and **Shirley McCormick**, hospitality; and many other hard-working BCC members. Uncirculated silver dollars and a \$5 gold piece were given away during the show. In the exhibits, Best-of-Show award went to **George McCormick** for "Ships on Coins and Tokens"; first place to **Ken Feer** for "U. S. Gold Type Set"; second place to

Marvin Robinson for "Carson City Dollars"; and third place to **Ken Feer** for "U. S. Proof Sets." The Bakersfield Coin Club has already set dates for its show next year — March 29-30, 1980. At a recent meeting **Jim Duke** spoke on "The Care and Preservation of Coins." An auction was planned for the May meeting, to be followed by a show and tell program of "odd and interesting coins." The Bakersfield Coin Club meets at the Guarantee Savings, 5554 California Ave., in the Stockdale Plaza, Bakersfield, at 7:30 p.m., usually on the 2nd Tuesday (but sometimes on the 4th Tuesday).

SACRAMENTO VALLEY OFFICERS

79 members and guests attended the SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB installation dinner at the Fuji Sukiyaki Restaurant, Sacramento. The 1979 SVCC officers, who were sworn in by **Hap Yaeger**, are **Fred Riehard**, president; **Tom Lawler**, vice president; **Rea Rynard**, treasurer; **Pete Prince**, recording secretary; and **Dan Riordan**, corresponding secretary. Sacramento Valley Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., at the Bishop Monogue High School cafeteria, 21st and Broadway, Sacramento. Mailing address — S.V.C.C., P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN FAIR

John Sears was General Chairman of the SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB's very popular Coin Fair held in San Francisco March 25. **Mike McCoy** won the Best-of-Show trophy for his exhibit, "The Delaware Bicentennial Medal." Other award winners were: U. S. Coins — first, **Rose Huntington**, Nickel Three-Cent Pieces; second, **Norman Kirk**, World Columbian Exposition; third, **Harry Huntington**, U. S. Peace Dollars. In Foreign Coins — first, **Rose Huntington**, Canadian Commemoratives; second, **Vietor Titoff**, Fantasy Coins of China; third, **Fred Lutjens**, Great Britain Decimal Coinage. In Miscellaneous — **O. L. Wallis**, Medallie Tributes to Admiral Dewey; second, **Mike Stanley**, Nautical Numismatics; third, **Fred Lutjens**, America's First Medals. Assisting General Chairman **Sears** with the Coin Fair were **Harry Huntington**, bourse; **Fred Lutjens** and **Ray Adams**, exhibits; **Mike Stanley**, judges; and **Paul Snedaker** and **O. L. Wallis**, publicity and promotion.

At SFCC's March meeting **Mike Stanley** showed a film on "Wild Life of Alaska" and members displayed "mini-exhibits" of coins depicting fish, birds, and animals. At the April meeting the subject was China, with **Osmyn Stout** speaking on "Coinage, Chaos and Confusion in Nationalist China."

President and Mrs. **Jimmy Carter** sent a special card to **Rose** and **Harry Huntington** congratulating them on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. To which may be added

the good wishes of their many friends in the numismatic world!

San Francisco Coin Club meets at 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval Street, San Francisco. Mailing address is S.F.C.C., P. O. Box 27006, San Francisco, CA 94127.

VALLEJO 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Silver Jubilee Banquet of the VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY April 7 was pronounced a great success by VNS president **David Dalby**. 75 persons gathered for the anniversary celebration from all over California. CSNA president **John E. Lenker**, of Redlands, was the main speaker, on the Susan B. Anthony dollar, and NCNA president **O. L. Wallis**, of San Rafael, was the master of ceremonies. The Society received congratulations from ANA and proclamations from the City of Vallejo and the State Legislature. A large display of pictures and club artifacts had been assembled by VNS historian **Maxine Hopperstad**, and the souvenir program contained a beautifully written history of the Society and a list of the charter members and the VNS presidents through the years. It was an event to remember for those who attended.

At the VNS April meeting **Don Schueler** spoke on the 1892 Columbian Exposition and showed some souvenirs of that famous World's Fair. The Society added four new members at its April meeting.

Vallejo Numismatic Society meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Veterans' Memorial Building, corner of Alabama and Marin Sts., Vallejo, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

WINNING EXHIBITS

At VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's 7th annual Coin Show on May 6, **Rose Huntington** won the first place award for her exhibit of "Nickel Three-Cent Pieces." **Harry Huntington** won second place with his exhibit of "1896 U. S. Educational Series Notes," and **Mike Stanley** was awarded third place for his "Nautical Numismatics" exhibit. **Mike McCoy's** exhibit, "The Delaware Bicentennial Medal," won the special "Silver Jubilee Trophy" awarded for the most points.

Invitational non-competitive exhibits included four 8-ft. tables of Odd and Curious and Primitive Money displayed by VNS charter member **Walter Gerth**, who was president of VNS in 1955. **O. L. Wallis** had a non-competitive display of Medallie Tributes to the USS Olympia, Dewey's Flagship, and a display of the CSNA Convention Medal. VNS member **Michael Turrini** had a non-competitive display of Franklin Mint Eyewitness Medals, CSA Currency, and a U.S. 1870-CC Seated Liberty.

HONORARY MEMBER

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has added another name to its distinguished list of honorary members. At the CSNA Awards Banquet in San Francisco April 21, PCNS President **Larry Reppeteau** presented to **Mrs. Mary Brooks** an honorary membership in the Society. This had been voted unanimously at a previous PCNS meeting "in recognition of outstanding service to numismatics." During her term as U. S. Mint Bureau Director, **Mrs. Brooks** prevented the destruction of San Francisco's Old Mint building, had it restored to its original condition and rededicated as a museum for all to enjoy.

At PCNS's March meeting **Don T. Thrall** read his paper on "Currency-Issuing Banks of Berkeley" and displayed examples of the currency described. Eight members had exhibits on the theme of "U. S. Paper Money." At the April meeting, members viewed a slide series showing the objects from King Tutankhamun's tomb which will be on exhibition in San Francisco this summer. Exhibit theme was "Ancient and Modern Coins of Egypt" and there were eight exhibits. Two new members were added at the April meeting.

PCNS's annual banquet celebrating its 64th anniversary will be held June 30 at Batmale's Restaurant, San Francisco. **Lori Reppeteau** is handling arrangements.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society meets the last Wednesday of each month (except June) at 8:00 p.m. in the Coit Tower Room, Hotel San Franciscan, 8th and Market St., San Francisco. Visitors welcome. Mailing address is PCNS, P. O. Box 6661, San Francisco, CA 94101.

COIN CLUB LIST

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION has compiled a listing of NCNA member clubs, showing where and when they meet, the dues, and their mailing addresses. Copies of this list may be obtained from NCNA Secretary, Stuart Denton, 1624 York Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401, for a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Set aside the dates **September 13-16** and plan to attend the NCNA's 19th annual Coin and Currency Exposition at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco. Admission is free, and it's always an outstanding show.

Thanks for your newsletters and reports of club activities and meetings. They furnish the information for this page. Send to **NOTT** Editor Maxine Bryce, 770 California St., San Francisco 94108.

Goodbye until September, and happy collecting.

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- 1 U. S. Coins — Rose Huntington
- 2 MEDIEVAL — Ken Takahashi & Steve Huston
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- 5 PAPER MONEY — Nancy Stanley, John Yee, Virginia Hall
- 6 WOODEN MONEY — John Sears
- 7 ORDERS & DECORATIONS — Al Hall, Irene Liss
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- 17 New Officers — New Smiles
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- 20 Hardworking Secretary, Charles Colver and ? ?
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- 23 Keepers of the Coins — Treasurer Don Thrall & Ruth Phillips
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- 25 Kenny and Ruby Lee



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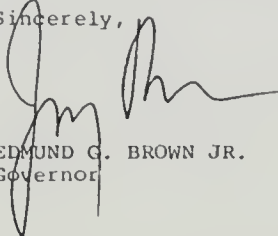
California State
Numismatic Association

I am pleased to extend my greetings to all those attending the 64th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show of the California State Numismatic Association and to join in observing the week of April 15 - 21 as "California Coin Week".

The hobby of coin collecting has long offered an enjoyable opportunity for enthusiasts of every age. In pursuing this hobby, one can learn a great deal about the history of monetary systems throughout the world.

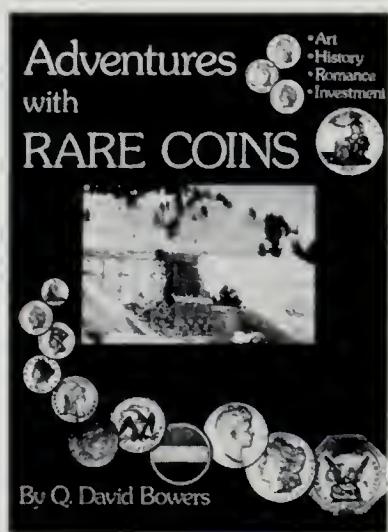
I commend your efforts to encourage interest in coin collecting and offer my best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

Between the Bookends



"ADVENTURE WITH RARE COINS", a new book by Q. David Bowers is a treasure trove of fascinating information. Whether the reader is a collector or an investor, or like most of us, a combination of both, this book can be useful in many areas.

This is a full-color hard cover and includes 320 pages, 8½ x 11 inches. Literally hundreds of ideas and topics are covered in detail in the large volume.

The story of the Morgan silver dollar — how and why it was issued. The story of the Peace Silver Dollar along with the startling previously-unpublished information regarding the 1964 Peace Dollars.

Gold coins are discussed in detail. A "you are there" story takes you back to the wild days of the California Gold Rush and the Forty-Niners, giving you a glimpse of the mining camps of Colorado and overnight millionaires of the wild west.

Tokens and medals are brought up — Civil War tokens, encased postage stamps, and how they were used. Regular United States currency issues of different denominations are illustrated and described as are many broken bank notes.

Famous American rarities like the 1913 Liberty head nickel and the 1804 silver dollar and others are probed in depth.

Want to take a trip in time back to the days of the last century at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia? What was the coin hobby like 100 years ago?

While the book deals primarily with United States coins, currency and related items such as tokens and medals, there is a good measure of attention paid to foreign series as well, including modern coins of the world, crowns and ancient coins. There is something for everyone in this book of Adventures with Rare Coins. ART. HISTORY. ROMANCE. INVESTMENT. You'll find these and hundreds of other ideas for your numismatic appetite.

For further information contact Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Suite 600-NR, 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90028.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

NEW MEMBERS (Feb. 11 to May 10, 1979)

- 3715 KOLBERG, Richard C. P. O. Box 1228, Alameda, Calif. 94501
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3716 ROBINSON, Beryl P. Jr. . . . 115 Walrath Ave., Nevada City, Calif. 95959
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3717 MANESSE, Marion 17033 Edna Pl., Covina, Calif. 91722
(sponsored by Covina Coin Club)
- 3718 JAGHLASSIAN, Movses 330 Langley St., Glendale, Calif. 91205
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3719 STAGG, David C. III P.O. Box 666, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95402
(sponsored by Jack Beymer)
- 3720 BRESCIA, C. Joseph
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3721 EDWARDS, Robert E.
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3722 PIERCE, Warren L. 1437 Cypress St., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596
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- 3723 LANGER, Alan W.
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3724 YOUNG, H. L.
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- A 3725 YOUNG, Betty M.
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- 3726 ED'S CURRENCY P.O. Box 7295, Louisville, Ky. 40207
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3727 PIERCE, Shirlee A. 3244 Grand Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94610
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3728 BROWN, Albert
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- A 3729 BROWN, Ethyl J.
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3730 ROBBINS, Roy
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3731 BARDOFF, Julian Z.
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- 3732 PHARES, Roy G.
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- 31-5 HEATH, Gary P.O. Box 4245, Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91359
 32-2 BETTON, Beatrice 332 E. Alan Cir., Sandy, Utah 84070
 33-1 STAGG, David C. III P.O. Box 666, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95402

RE-INSTATEMENTS

- 2749 PONTERIO, Richard H. 8864 Golf Dr., Spring Valley, Calif. 92077
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 3371 WARD, Roy E. Rt. 1, 246 D, Montague, Calif. 96064

SUSPENDED

- 15-4 ROZA, Frank Jr. P.O. Box 1406, Carson City, Nev. 89701
 3633 BISHINS, Arleen 360 E. 72nd St., New York, N.Y. 10021

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- 2522 WIBORG, Bob
 3608 JANOWSKI, Boleslaw M.
 3609 ASTLEY-SMITH, Marcia

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Feb. 10, 1979	1394
New Members, Feb. 11 to May 10, 1979	35
Re-Instatements	3
Suspended	2
Address Unknown	3
Net Membership, May 10, 1979	1427
Total Life Memberships	114

CSNA Visual Aid Program

Catharine Edgerton, Custodian of Education Material, advises the availability of 16mm sound films from the CSNA Visual Aid Library. These four films are currently on loan from The Franklin Mint and are entitled as follows:

The Art of Minting — running time, 25 minutes.

Coinage of the British Virgin Islands, running time, 25 minutes.

Norman Rockwell's Medallie Tribute to Robert Frost, running time, 15 minutes.

Flowers of America, by Jeanne Holgate, running time, 12 minutes, 45 seconds.

The list of CSNA slides are as follows:

"Coins of the Maldive Islands" by Tim Browder.

"Coins of Japan" by Al Baber.

"Tokens and Notes of the Hudson's Bay Co." by Jim Betton.

"Coins of Edward VIII" by Richard Trowbridge.

"Modern World Coins" by Mel Kohl.

"The Wedding of Coins and Stamps of Israel" by Mel Kohl.

"Tokens and Notes of the Maritime Provinces" by Jim Betton.

"The Story of Banking in Canada".

"Ethiopia: A Storehouse of Africa" by Mel Kohl.

"A Female Slave in Timbuktu" by Leona Kohl.

"A Wedding of Coins and Stamps" by Maury Gould.

We now have available for your use, the film entitled "The Granite Lady" showing the restoration of the Old Mint in San Francisco. In ordering this film, we ask that you return it as soon as possible, post-paid and insured, due to the heavy request for its use.

Any club desiring to borrow the slides, or films, may do so by writing Catharine Edgerton, 3431 Carleton Street, San Diego, CA 92106. The only requirement is that the club be a member of CSNA and they pay the shipping and insurance charges.



Treasurer's Report

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

November 1, 1978 to April 18, 1979

BALANCE IN COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, NOVEMBER 1, 1978\$ 8,270.30

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 5,070.83
Book Sales	314.88
Medal Sales	927.40
Bourse receipts & deposits	3,825.00
Miscellaneous 63rd Convention receipts	45.95
Interest received	646.78
Symposium receipts	546.00
64th Convention Auction royalty	500.00
2 Life Memberships	200.00
Miscellaneous receipts	11.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$12,088.34

TOTAL\$20,358.64

DISBURSEMENTS

63rd Convention Expenses	\$ 6,026.74
64th Convention Expenses	1,484.67
65th & 66th Convention Expenses	72.04
CALCOIN NEWS Printing & Postage & Envelopes ..	2,661.12
Editor & (2) Assistant Editors Expense	140.00
Association Postage & Printing	911.45
Club Membership Dues	41.00
Sales Tax and Tax Preparation Expense	264.79
Symposium Expense	991.36
Symposium Junior Program Expense	80.00
Interest transferred to Savings and Life Membership	644.86
Library Expense	37.78
"Granite Lady" Film for library	150.00
Funds transferred to Life Membership Fund	400.00
Miscellaneous Association Expense	72.44

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$13,978.25

BALANCE IN COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, APRIL 18, 1979\$ 6,380.39

Balance on Deposit in Savings Account\$11,303.71

Life Membership Fund 7,397.41

CSNA Memorial Education Fund 899.87

Balance in Commercial Account 6,380.39

TOTAL CASH ASSETS\$25,981.38

Introducing . . .

BARBARA BURKE — CSNA A-2673

We are proud to announce the appointment of Barbara Burke as the new Circulation Director. Barbara is the wife of Past President and long-time Curator, Bryan Burke and has been associated with numismatics for several years. Barbara served as Chairman of the meal functions at the 1976 Fall Convention at Disneyland, as well as instructing a class in handieraft. She is currently the Recording Secretary of the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Welcome to the staff of Calcoin News.



DALE M. HEWLETT — CSNA 2342

CSNA is proud to announce the appointment of Dale M. Hewlett to the position of Curator. Dale is from Clovis (near Fresno), and very active in the Fresno Numismatic Society, and currently editor of their fine bulletin. He is a high school history teacher and an active member of the Fresno Historical Society. He enjoys exhibiting and gives talks to local clubs on both numismatics and early California.

Anyone having any numismatic items or early California items who would like to donate it to CSNA, please contact Dale M. Hewlett, 3826 International, Clovis, Ca. 93612.

JAMES W. HUNT — CSNA LM-23-2

James W. Hunt of San Diego has been appointed as Director of Publicity. CSNA Life Member 23-2, and member of ANA since the age of 18. Jim has been Exhibit Chairman of two CSNA Conventions. He is Past President of San Diego Numismatic Society, active in exhibiting, judging, a speaker and an author. He handles publicity for the San Diego Aztec Soccer Team and is well qualified for his position.



Convention — from page 78

At the close of the banquet, Mary Brooks was asked to swear in the new slate of officers, which she did with her usual touch of humor. Everyone was delighted to see Mrs. Brooks at the convention looking relaxed and well despite a touch of the flu that she arrived with.

President elect Albert Hall presented outgoing President John Lenker with the gold presidents medal for his outstanding leadership over the past two years and expressed his own eagerness to get-to-work as CSNA's new leader.

The TRADITIONAL Sunday Breakfast took form this year as a Presidential Champagne Brunch and honored all the past presidents of CSNA; John Lenker and Mary Brooks stole the spotlight and everyone had a good time eating too much! Irene and Cliff Liss were hosts for the brunch and had assembled a scrapbook featuring all the CSNA past presidents.

The next CSNA convention will be held in Anaheim on October 26-28, 1979, with Elizabeth Wisslead as General Chairman. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- October 26-28, 1979 65th Convention & Coin Show
 Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Gen. Chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
 Bourse: W. O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
 Exhibits: John J. Hower, Jr., 607 N. Hart Place, Fullerton 92631
 Sheraton Anaheim Hotel, 1015 West Ball Road, Anaheim
 Sponsored by the Orange County Coin Club
- May 2-4, 1980 66th Convention & Coin Show
 Ed Fulwider, General Chairman
 Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
- Fall, 1980 67th Convention & Coin Show
 Paul Moulton, General Chairman, Box 123, Bonita 92002
 Sponsored by the San Diego Interclub Numismatic Council
- May 1-3, 1981 68th Convention & Coin Show
 Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
- Fall, 1981 69th Convention & Coin Show
 Albert K. Hall, General Chairman, Box 499, Colton 92324
 Sponsored by the San Bernardino County Coin Club

Wm. Wisslead, BOURSE COORDINATOR, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention

OTHERS

- July 7-8, 1979 22nd Coin-A-Rama
 San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council
 Scottish Rite Memorial Center, 1895 Camino del Rio So., Mission Valley
 Lloyd Lindemer, General Chairman
 Don Webb, Bourse, 733 Wabash, Escondido 92027
- July 22, 1979 18th Annual Collectible Show
 California Exonumist Society
 Holiday Inn, Fullerton, Riverside Freeway (91) at Harbor Blvd.
 Gen. Co-Chairman: Richard & Lorna Lebold, Box 5173, Buena Park, 90822
- August 11-12, 1979 21st Annual Coin Show
 Santa Barbara Coin Club, Earl Warren Showgrounds, U.S. 101 at Las Positas,
 Santa Barbara
 Bourse: Robert Barnes, 18 W. Figueroa St., Santa Barbara 93101
- August 19, 1979 7th Annual Coin Show
 Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont
 Info. Iris Atkinson, Sec. Fremont Coin Club, Box 1401, Fremont 94538
- September 9, 1979 19th Annual Coin-A-Rama
 Ventura County Coin Club, Holiday Inn, 450 E. Harbor, Ventura
 Bourse: Don Holladay, Box 3263, Ventura 93003
- September 13-16, 1979 19th Annual Coin & Currency Exposition
 Northern California Numismatic Association
 Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco
 Info.: Denis Hooker, 65 Post Street, San Jose 95110
- September 30, 1979 Annual Coin Show
 Glendale Coin Club, Holiday Inn, 600 N. Pacific Ave., Glendale
- October 6-7, 1979 22nd Annual Coin-O-Rama
 Sacramento Valley Coin Club
 Bishop Monogue High School, 21st & Broadway, Sacramento
 Info.: Thomas Lawler, P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, 95816
- October 20-21, 1979 21st Annual Coin-A-Rama
 West Valley Coin Club
 Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda
 Paul Newll, General Chairman
 Harold Donald, Bourse Chairman, Box 221, Tarzana 91356
- November 24-25, 1979 12th Annual Coin Show
 Numismatic Council of Orange County (N.C.O.C.)
 Quality Inn, 616 Convention Way, Anaheim, Calif.
 Bourse: W. O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707